

A STUDY OF WOMEN WITH REFERENCE TO EDUCATION IN BABASAHEB BHIMRAO AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY

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INTRODUCTION

Education is one of the most powerful instruments of social change and social development. Every sector of social development is largely dependent on human capital.

Nearly 50% of the population are women who contribute intellectually for the progress and growth of the country. The society will be highly hampered without the development of women. Education of women plays a key role in deciding the standard of the society. The higher the rate of educated women the higher the quality of life of a family or society. Education is the key for women's empowerment, prosperity, development and welfare. Discrimination of women is well known. There is continued inequality and vulnerability of women in all spheres of life. An empowered woman gains strength to swim against the discrimination and evils of the society.

A Woman's education is associated with many factors including social, economic, political, religious, cultural, demographical and administrative factors and so on. Economic empowerment and independence will only come through proper education and employment of women. Education will empower women to contribute to the development and prosperity of the country. Education gives knowledge. Knowledge helps a woman to overcome and effectively fight against the evils of the society such as dowry, female feticide, etc.

Today, women's career emerges as one of the most significant areas of concern for women equality and to achieve national goals. Career development is part of all-round individual development. It is often reported that men ignore women's career even in developed countries. The influence of society is very high on women's career. Educational and career development of women is significant for the social and economic uplift of the country,

In the present study, the researcher seeks to know the girl's views regarding their career development and marriage in Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University

Related Literature

Rijal, S., & Wasti, S. P. (2018) in their study entitled "Factors Influencing Career Progression of Working Women in Health Services: A Case from Kathmandu Valley in Nepal" indicated that female employees have dual responsibilities both at home and at workplace and their career goals often change after marriage and having children.

Yadav, K. & Rakhee (2018) explored the attitudes of young adults towards marriage in India. The study found that females give more emphasis on the financial aspect of husband's family for marriage and male view that sexual relationships and attending to family chores increase the bond between couple in marriage

OBJECTIVES

1. To study the opinion of girl students of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University on marriage and career development.
2. To study the opinion of girl students of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University on marriage and career development with respect to
 - a. Stream: Science / Arts
 - b. Degree: Undergraduate/postgraduate
 - c. Residence: Hosteller/Day scholar

DELIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

The researcher has delimited the present study to Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University (A Central University), placed in Lucknow.

RESEARCH DESIGN

Descriptive Survey method is used in the present study

POPULATION

The women students of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow constitute the population of the present study.

SAMPLE&SAMPLING TECHNIQUES

A sample of 100 women students was selected using simple random sampling technique.

RESEARCH TOOLS

A self-constructed Questionnaire was used in the present study.

Findings

Opinion of Girl Students of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University on Marriage And Career Development

Table: 1
The opinion of girl students of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University on marriage and career development.

s.no.	Item	Percentage		
		Agree	Undecided	Disagree
1.	Do you think that marriage or getting married is the most important thing for women?	22	26	52
2.	Do you think women should get married before 25 or 30 years?	40	14	46
3.	Do you prefer to settle in job/career before getting married?	96	4	0
4.	Do you like to do job or take a profession?	96	2	2
5.	Do you think marriage is the end to a women's career?	10	24	66
6.	Do you think to focus on career is difficult after marriage?	58	32	10
7.	Do you think working women are more respected than housewives?	70	18	12
8.	Do you agree with the view that working women are overburdened and as they have to attend to both office work as well as house work?	68	26	6
9.	Do you think your family insists that you should get married than focus on your career?	14	16	70
10.	Do you think family support is most important for women's career?	90	8	2
11.	Do you think your family supports you to make your career?	90	8	2
12.	Do you think job is most important thing for a woman for decent quality life and respect in society?	82	10	8
13.	Do you think job enables you to better control your life?	84	10	6
14.	Do you think your work or job will directly or indirectly play a significant role in your family life and upbringing of children?	96	2	2
15.	Do you feel that education is very important for women?	100	0	0
16.	Do you think your family will support you for higher studies?	86	12	2
17.	Do you think education makes a woman self-dependent and confident?	100	0	0
18.	Do you think education enables you to make better decisions?	96	4	0
19.	Are you willing to go out of station for higher studies?	86	8	6
20.	Do you think a successful marriage should be more important than a successful career?	28	24	48
21.	Do you think family members co-operate with working women?	70	26	4
22.	Do you think your parents or guardian shall allow you to go outstation for a job?	80	14	6
23.	Do you think it is necessary for a woman to stand on her feet to prove her worth & dignity in the society?	94	0	6
24.	Do you think job increases self-esteem of a woman?	98	2	0
25.	Do you think job is important for the empowerment of a woman?	92	6	2
26.	Do you think job enriches your understanding of yourself, the world and the life?	98	2	0

27.	Do you think job enables you to help the world economy by being a productive contributor?	88	12	0
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- In the present research, it was found that 52 percent of respondents disagree with the statement that marriage or getting married is an important thing for women. Only 22 percent of respondents agree with this statement that marriage or getting married is an important thing for women and 26 percent of respondents are undecided on this statement.
- In the present research, it was found that most of the girls are career-oriented and they want to settle in a job before marriage. 96 percent of respondents want to settle in a job or make their career before marriage and 4 percent of respondents are undecided.
- In the present research, it was found that only 40 percent of respondents are agreed to the statement that women should get married before 25 or 30 years of age and 46 percent of respondents are disagree with this statement, in their opinion, a girl doesn't need to get married before 25 or 30 years of age.
- In the present research, it was found that focusing on career becomes difficult for a woman after marriage. But it does not mean that marriage is the end of alt woman's career. Table:1 indicates 58 percent of respondents are agreeing with the statement that to focus on the career is difficult after marriage and 66 percent of respondents are disagreeing with the statement that marriage is the end of women's career.
- In the present research, it was found that working women are more respected than housewives. Table:1 indicates 70 percent of the respondent are agreeing to the statement that working women are more respected than housewives and Only 12 percent of the respondent are disagreeing with this statement while 18 percent of the respondent are undecided.
- In the present research, it was found that working women get overburden as they have to work at home as well as in the office. Table:1 indicates 68 percent of respondents are agreeing with the view that working women are overburdened as they have to attend to both office work as well as housework. Due to this reason family support is very important for a woman to develop their career. According to the table, 90 percent of respondents are agreeing that family support is most important for women's careers.
- In the present research, it was found that a job plays a significant role in women's lives and helps them to live a decent quality of life and respect in society. It enables them to better control over their lives. Table:1 indicates 82 percent of respondents are agreeing that a job is the most important thing for a woman for a decent quality of life and respect in society. According to table 4.1. 84 percent of respondents are agreeing that a job enables a woman to better control over their life.
- In the present research, it was found that job will directly indirectly play a significant role in family life and upbringing of children. Table:1 indicates 96 percent of respondents are agreed that a job is directly/ indirectly plays a significant role in family life and upbringing of children.
- In the present research, it was found that most families support their daughter for higher studies and support them to make their career. Table:1 indicates 86 percent of respondents have believed that their family will support them for higher studies and only 2 percent are disagreeing and 12 percent of the respondent are undecided that their family will be supporting or not for higher studies.
- In the present research, it was found that education makes women self-dependent and confident and enables them to make a better decision. Table:1 indicates 96 percent of girls are agreeing with the statement that education enables a woman to make a better decision.
- In the present research, it was found that 70 percent of respondents are agreeing with the view that family members cooperate with working women. From the present research, it was found that 86 percent of the respondents are willing to go out of station for higher studies.
- In the present research, it was found that 80 percent of girls are agreeing that their family will allow them to go outstation for a job and 14 percent of respondents are undecided and only 6 percent disagree.
- In the present research, it was found that job increases the self-esteem of women and it is also important for the empowerment of women and enables a woman to stand on her feet to prove worth & dignity and for respect in society. Table:1 indicates 98 percent of respondents are agreeing that job increases the self- esteem of a woman.

- In the present research, it was found that a job enriches women's understanding of themselves, the world and life. Table:1 indicates 98 percent of respondents are agreeing that a job enriches understanding of our self, the world and the life.
- In the present research, it was found that 88 percent of respondents are agreeing with the view that a job enables women to help the world economy by being a productive contributor.

VARIABLE WISE FINDINGS

➤ STREAM

Table:2 The difference in the opinion of girl students concerning different streams (Science/ Arts) on marriage and career development

STREAM	N	MEAN	SD	't'
Science	23	70.086957	2.4104516	2.1314495*
Arts	27	71.222222	4.0414519	

*Significant at 0.05 level of significance

Interpretation

Table 2 indicates that there is significant difference in the opinion of science and arts girl students on marriage and career development. Science courses demand more time in labs and field work than art courses and demand more dedication from students. More career opportunities are also available for science students than arts students. Hence science students look forward to career opportunities and build their career than settlement in marriage.

➤ Gender

Table 3 The difference in the opinion of girl students with respect to their degree level on marriage and career development

DEGREE	N	MEAN	S.D	't'
Undergraduate	12	70.83333333	4.2817442	2.1314495*
Postgraduate	38	70.65789474	3.1475114	

*Significant at 0.05 level of significance

Table 3 indicates that there is significant difference in the undergraduate students and post graduate level students' opinion on marriage and career development. Every educated girl wishes to take up a profession and build her career. Post-graduation provides a strong foundation for career development and usually a student who did post graduation wishes to go for career than settle in marriage.

➤ Residence

Table:4 The difference in the opinion of girl students with reference to residence

RESIDENCE	N	MEAN	S.D	't'
Hosteller	33	69.90909091	2.961879	2.0555294*
Day Scholar	17	72.23529412	3.767117794	

*Significant at 0.05 level of significance

Interpretation

Table 4 indicates that there is significant difference in the hosteller and non-hosteller girl students' opinion with reference to marriage and career development. Security is a concern for every girl student. Mobility is a great hurdle for any girl student for her success. Residence plays a great role in deciding the security and mobility of girl students. Thus, there is significant difference in the opinion of hosteller and non-hosteller girl students.

Impression

Education is important for all. The present scenario demands to focus on the education of women. Education empowers a woman and develops their potentialities to become a good administrator of household, good manager of family, a wise wife and a best mother and also enables them to work outside as a leader, doctor, engineer and defense officer, etc. Marriage affects more on women's career as after marriage they have more responsibilities of household work, children and elder family members. Therefore, when they are in a profession or career their work gets doubled, as a result, they are overburdened as they have to attend both office work as well as house hold responsibilities and it becomes difficult for them to develop their career. But it does not mean their career ends after marriage. Employment enables women to better control their lives and increases their self-esteem and helps to uplift the standard of life and upbringing of children.

The development of a country can be measured by the development of all the citizens of that country. When a woman is educated and economically strong then she would be more confident and self-dependent only then she can be actively contributing towards the world economy and also in the family income by being a productive contributor. Hence career development of women should be important for their men and family too. In the present society, the position or status of women has improved a lot. Now women are at good positions like a leader, doctor, engineer, chief minister, teachers and as defense officers. But still, the women from villages or rural areas have a very poor and critical condition. From the findings of the present research, it is opined that the views of girls on marriage and career development are contingent on their educational level and the environment or the area where they are living.

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